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Madison, Wisconsin -- Jon S. Holt, 46, Taylors Falls, Minnesota was sentenced yesterday by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to just over twenty-seven years in prison for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine in northern Wisconsin. Holt was convicted of that charge on August 3, 2005, following a two-day trial in federal court in Madison.

The evidence showed that in February 2002, Holt, along with several other people, conspired to manufacture methamphetamine at a residence in Grantsburg, Wisconsin. Holt supplied the anhydrous ammonia for the manufacture in exchange for half of any methamphetamine produced. Holt's lengthy sentence is based in part on his years of criminal activity. Judge Crabb stated that Holt has been a menace to northern Wisconsin and Minnesota by making money selling methamphetamine, buying whatever he wanted and doing nothing to contribute to society, but rather preying upon it. Judge Crabb further stated that a sentence at the very top of the guideline range was necessary in this case. The United States Attorney's Office in Minnesota has filed a separate civil proceeding to forfeit Holt's property based on his previous drug activity.

Holt's co-defendants in the conspiracy, David Corty, Jr., 25, of Rush City, Minnesota, and Douglas Mudek, 40, of Cambridge, Minnesota, both pleaded guilty to

the conspiracy in July 2005, and were sentenced in September and October. Corty was sentenced to twelve months in prison, while Mudek received a forty-one month sentence.

The charges against Holt, Corty and Mudek were the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau, the Burnett County Sheriff's Department, the Polk County Sheriff's Department, the Chisago County, Minnesota Sheriff's Office, and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura A. Przybylinski Finn.

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